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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 041285

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, DM, US

SUBJECT:BENINESE REQUEST TO INSPECT DIPLOMATIC PROPERTIES  
SURROUNDING CAMP GUEZO

REF: A) COTONOU 229 B) STATE 30294 C) COTONOU 131  
D) 77 STATE 154807 E) 77 STATE 43512 F) 76 STATE 157166  
G) 76 COTONOU 1040 H) 76 STATE 153551 I) 76 STATE 146742  
J) 76 COTONOU 1014

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT EVIDENT BENINESE DESIRE TO  
ACQUIRE BETTER PROPERTIES IN COTONOU FOR GPRB USE IS  
PROBABLY MOTIVATION FOR GPRB REQUEST TO INSPECT EMBASSY  
CHANCERY AND RESIDENCES. WE ARE STILL INCLINED TO DIS-  
COURAGE SUCH INSPECTION SINCE GPRB HAS NOT SPECIFIED  
PRECISE PURPOSE. WITH REGARD TO RECIPROCITY, LOCAL GOVERN-  
MENTS IN THE WASHINGTON AREA MAY REQUEST TO INSPECT DIPLO-  
MATIC PROPERTIES FOR SUCH REASONS AS HEALTH AND FIRE SAFETY  
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESCRIBED PROCEDURE BUT DIPLOMATIC  
MISSIONS ARE UNDER NO FIRM OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH SUCH  
REQUESTS. (IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE, THE STATE DEPART-  
MENT IS REQUIRED TO MEDIATE.)

2. POST SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING NOTE TO GPRB:

3. BEGIN TEXT: USUAL OPENING: THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACCEDE TO REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT  
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN TO INSPECT THE CHAN-  
CERY OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AND RESIDENCES OF  
UNITED STATES DIPLOMATS WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF THE  
MILITARY CAMP BECAUSE SUCH INSPECTION WOULD BE IN CON-  
TRAVENTION OF ARTICLE 22 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CON-  
TINUES TO ADHERE TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NOTES EXCHANGED  
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN  
IN JUNE 1976 WITH REGARD TO DIPLOMATIC PROPERTIES AND EX-  
PECTS THE GPRB TO DO LIKEWISE. USUAL CLOSING. END TEXT.

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